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### **Riverside Police Department and RUSD Partner for Truancy Project**

RIVERSIDE, CA – On Tuesday, March 2, 2015, School Resource Officers and Problem Oriented Policing Officers from the East Neighborhood Policing Center conducted a "Truancy Enforcement Project" in partnership with the Riverside Unified School District (RUSD). The project is designed to demonstrate that truancy will not be ignored. The project also aims to reduce the frequency of daytime burglaries, vandalisms, and other crimes related to students who are unsupervised during their truancy from school.

Officers and RUSD Attendance Specialists conducted twenty-eight (28) home visits and checked fourteen (14) public areas known for juvenile activity. As a result, forty-three (43) students were contacted in order to determine if they were in violation of Riverside Municipal Code Section 9.10.010 – Daytime Loitering by Minors.

"It is unlawful for any minor under the age of eighteen years, who is subject to compulsory education or to compulsory continuation education to loiter, idle, wander, or be in or upon the public streets, highways, roads, alley, parks, playground, or other public grounds, public places, vacant buildings, or any unsupervised place during the operating school hours of the juvenile offender's school on days when the juvenile offender's school is in session."

Numerous students were returned to school, counseling was provided to parent's and/or guardians reference legal and school district consequences for continued truancy, and twenty-seven (27) students were cited for the daytime loitering violation.

